

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

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ANDRE M. DAVIS
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MEMORANDUM TO COUNSEL RE:

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I acknowledge Mr. Ismay's letter dated October 17, 2002, suggesting that I suspend the scheduling order in this case pending completion of the ADR process.

As counsel are fully aware from the admonition in our standard scheduling orders, such as the one issued in this case, the request for an early settlement conference "will not postpone discovery unless otherwise ordered." I take into account numerous factors in deciding on a case-by-case basis whether to suspend discovery pending early mediation. I am not persuaded that in this case a suspension of discovery pending mediation is appropriate.

Accordingly, the proposed stipulation enclosed with Mr. Ismay's letter has not been approved, and the deadlines set forth in the extant scheduling order remain fully in effect.

Very truly yours,



Andre M. Davis
United States District Judge

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